

Remarks

Claims 1-12, 14-21 and 23-25 are pending in the current application. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 4 and 18-22 have been canceled.

Claims 1-3, 5-12, and 18-21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Trompower et al., U.S. Pat. No. 6,088,591. Claims 4, 14-17, and 23-25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Trompower in view of Dehner et al., U.S. Appl. No. 2003/0035464.

Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections because the cited references do not disclose or suggest every element of any claim, as the following analysis shows.

CLAIM 1

Claim 1 has been amended to include “wherein polling the first master transmitting device includes determining whether the first master transmitting device is receiving a signal from a slave transmitting device.”

The Office Action dated 1/12/05 recognizes that Trompower does not disclose polling and determining that the first master is receiving a signal from a slave transmitting device. The Office Action relies on Dehner to disclose this limitation. Enclosed with this amendment is a declaration under Rule 131 by the Applicant indicating a conception and due diligence from before the effective date until the filing date of the application. This effectively removes Dehner as a prior art reference against Claim 1.

The rejection of Claim 1 is thus unsupported, and must be withdrawn. Claims 2-3, 5-12 depend from allowable Claim 1 and are allowable for at least this reason.

CLAIM 14

Claim 14 recites, in part, “polling the first master from the second master to determine if the first master is receiving a signal from the slave device.”

The Office Action dated 1/12/05 recognizes that Trompower does not disclose polling and determining that the first master is receiving a signal from a slave transmitting device. The Office Action relies on Dehner to disclose this limitation. Dehner has been removed as a prior art reference against Claim 14 by the filing of declaration under Rule 131 by the Applicant.

The rejection of Claim 14 is thus unsupported, and must be withdrawn. Claims 15-17 depend from allowable Claim 14 and are allowable for at least this reason.

CLAIM 23

Claim 23 recites, in part “polling the first master from the second master to determine if the first master is receiving a signal from the slave.”

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The rejection of Claim 23 is thus unsupported, and must be withdrawn. Claims 24-25 depend from allowable Claim 23 and are allowable for at least this reason.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and indication of allowance by the Examiner is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, he or she is requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number shown below as soon as possible. If any fee insufficiency or overpayment is found, please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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